Memorandum from Air Passengers Association of India

86. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any memorandmu from the Air Passengers Association of India;

(b) if so, what are contents of this memorandum;

(c) what are the names of the signatories to this memorandum and what action has been taken on it; and

(d) what steps are being taken to improve the functioning of the Airlines and to refurbish its tarnished image ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Indian Airlines has received a communication signed by Maya Narasimhan, Executive Director, Air Passengers Association of India raising the following points :—

(i) Curtailment of day flights;

(ii) Discontinuance of night landings at Coimbatore; and

(iii) Legal validity of cancellation/combination of flights.

(d) Indian Airlines is proposing to augment services to Coimbatore from 1-5-93.

Night landing at Coimbatore cannot be undertaken at present since the airport has only Non-Directional Beacon as the approach and navigational facility. National Air ports Authority is upgrading facilities at Coimbatore airport to enable night operations.

Flights are cancelled/combined by Indian Airlines only for unavoidable operational reasons.

Pilferage in ITDC Hotels

87. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that pilferage to the extent of Rs. 1.25 crore every year has been found by the staff of restaurants of ITDC Hotels in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and the extent of pilferage in respect of each ITDC Hotel drinug each of the last three years;

(c) what action Gvoernment have taken against the persons found responsible; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to check the pilferage in future ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, minor cases of pilferage by the staff of the restaurants of some of the ITDC hotels have come to the notice of the Management from time to time

(c) The cases of the pilferage are investigated by the Vigilance Division of the hotels. On the basis of the investigations, disciplinary authorities have taken suitable action against the erring employees.

(d) Steps taken by the ITDC Management to check pilferage include mechanisation of billing exercise of strict control, plugging of loopholes in the procedure and system.

Proposed by National Airports authority of India for advance navigational aids

88. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Airports Authority of India is prepared to provide advance navigational aids to the Delhi and Bombay airports;